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SUBJ: VISIT OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

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1. MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA ARRIVED LIMA JULY 14.
PRESS BUILD-UP OF VISIT INTENSE AND ARRIVAL WELL COVERED. CROWD
AT AIRPORT WAS LARGE AND RECEPTION WARM. IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT
AIRPORT ECHEVERRIA STATED TAT PERUVIAN REVOLUTION WAS IN VANGUARD
OF LATIN AMERICA. HE ADDED THAT COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA WHICH
DEFEND THESIS OF 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY
CONCESSIONS. HE STATED THAT MEXICAN POSITION OF 12 MILE TERRI-
TORIAL SEA AND 188 MILE PATRIMONIAL SEA IS NOT DIVERGENT; ON THE
CONTRARY, IT IS CONVERGENT WITH PERUVIAN POSITION OF 200 MILE
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TERRITORIAL SEA. THE 200 MILE THESIS WILL BECOME REALITY, HE

SAID, WHEN THERE IS GREATER INTERNATIONAL EQUALITY AND COASTAL NATIONS BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEND IT.

2. ON JULY 15 PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MET WITH PRESIDENT VELASCO FOR 3 HOURS AND LATER WAS GUEST AT STATE DINNER, DURING WHICH HE PROPOSED THAT LATIN AMERICA FORM ITS OWN ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS AGAINST MORE POWERFUL NATIONS. ITS FORM WOULD BE THAT OF A FORUM WHICH WOULD STUDY ECONOMIC CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION. HE EMPHASIZED THAT CONCERTED ACTION IS NEEDED IN AREA OF PROTECTING PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS.

3. COMMENT: MIDWAY THROUGH VISIT, IT APPEARS THAT PERUVIANS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO WELCOME ECHEVERRIA WITH UNUSUAL DEGREE OF PRESS COVERAGE AND EXCEPTIONAL PRAISE, EVEN BY LOCAL HYPERBOLIC STANDARDS. ECHEVARRIA HAS ADROITLY PLAYED DOWN PERUVIAN-MEXICAN DIFFERENCES ON TERRITORIAL SEA ISSUE AND HAS, AS EXPECTED, LAID STRESS ON ECONOMIC THEMES, PARTICULARLY THOSE DEAR TO HIS HEART CONCERNING MUTUAL LATIN ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE AND NEED FOR EQUITABLE RAW MATERIALS PRICES. PERUVIAN PRESS, POSSIBLY IN RECOGNITION OF VELASCO'S GAFFE AT JUNE 26 PRESS CONFERENCE, HAS MADE NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF ECHEVARRIA'S CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES (SEE REFTEL).
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